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| In re the Application of: | |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO APRIL 5, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on April 5, 2005, the period for which to respond extends until August 5, 2005, by virtue of a petition for a 1-month extension of time and fee filed herewith, please enter the following amendment.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 7.